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## COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

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Below is a brief summary of the Committee's proceedings. A more detailed record of the Committee's work can be found in the Committee's notebook, located in the Legislative Library.

### **February 28 2008**

The first meeting of the Committee was held February 28, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. Following opening remarks by the co-chairs Rep. Ray Rapp and Rep. Margaret Dickson, the Committee heard remarks from Secretary Lindo Tippet of the North Carolina Department of Transportation concerning the importance of rail as part of the State's transportation system. The Committee heard from Bob Weiss, Fiscal Research Division. Mr. Weiss presented a brief overview of the work of the previous House Select Committee on Expanding Rail Service, and other recent rail developments.

The final speaker at the meeting was Pat Simmons, Director, North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division, who gave an overview of current rail activities of the Department, including the development of a new State rail plan.

### **April 17, 2008**

The second meeting of the Committee was held April 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1027/1128 of the Legislative Building. The Committee first heard a presentation from Scott Saylor, President of the North Carolina Railroad, who gave an overview of the North Carolina Railroad and its concerns about corridor encroachments. The Committee next heard from Mary Dillon, an attorney from Ellis and Winters, LLP, representing the Railroad, who explained draft legislation addressing railroad corridor management. The final speaker was Durwood Laughinghouse, Norfolk Southern, who gave his company's perspective on rail corridor encroachment issues and rail planning.

### **May 8, 2008**

The third meeting of the Committee was held May 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. The Committee continued its discussion of the proposed rail corridor management legislation. The Committee heard comments on the draft bill from Mary Dillon, Ellis and Winters LLP, representing the North Carolina Railroad, John Dillard, CSX Corporation, T. Jerry Williams, representing the Railway Association of North Carolina (short line railroads), Pat Simmons, Director, Rail Division, NC DOT, Andy Romanet, NC League of Municipalities, and Paul Meyer, Association of County Commissioners. Following extended discussion of the draft legislation, the Committee Co-chairs agreed to appoint a subcommittee to work on the draft and report back to the full Committee at a later date.